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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:	Board of Geologists
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	Friday, December 13, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.
PLACE:	861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware Conference Room B, Cannon Building
MINUTES APPROVED:	March 14, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT

David Reinhold, President, Professional Member
Douglas Rambo, Vice President, Professional Member
William "Sandy" Schenck, Secretary, Professional Member
Scott Blaier, Professional Member
Patricia Ennis, Public Member
Maureene LaFate, Public Member

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

Amanda McAtee, Administrative Specialist II
Patricia Davis-Oliva, Deputy Attorney General

MEMBERS ABSENT

Amos Aiken, Public Member

PUBLIC PRESENT

None

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Reinhold called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

PUBLIC HEARING, RULES AND REGULATIONS - 10:00 A.M.

BOARD PRESENT: David Reinhold, President, Douglas Rambo, Vice President,
William "Sandy" Schenck, Secretary, Scott Blaier, Patricia Ennis, and Maureene LaFate

PUBLIC PRESENT: None

PURPOSE: The Delaware Board of Geologists, pursuant to 24 Del.C. §3606(a)(1), proposes to revise its regulations. The proposed additions to the regulations seek to add rules regarding inactive status of a geology license and the requirements to reactive a license from inactive status. Additionally, the rules amend the use of the term expiration to termination to create continuity within the geology regulations as well as within the Division of Professional Regulation.

PRESIDING: David Reinhold, President

DIVISION STAFF: Amanda McAtee, Administrative Specialist II

BOARD COUNSEL: Patricia Davis-Oliva, Deputy Attorney General

COURT REPORTER: Lorena Hartnett, Wilcox and Fetzer

The hearing began at 10:08 a.m. Ms. Davis-Oliva stated that the purpose of the hearing was to receive public comment regarding the Board's proposed Rules and Regulations. Ms. Davis-Oliva advised that the notification of the public hearing was published in the Register of Regulations on November 1, 2013 and two newspapers on November 16, 2013. Ms. Davis-Oliva marked the News Journal affidavit of publication as Council exhibit one and the State News affidavit of publication as Council exhibit two.

Ms. Davis-Oliva confirmed that no public comment had been received by the Council office. With there being no comment, Ms. Davis-Oliva thanked the court reporter and advised the Council that the public would have an additional fifteen days after this hearing date to make comments. The Board would deliberate on any public comments received at its next Council meeting on February 14, 2014.

The hearing adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the meeting minutes from the November 8, 2013 meeting. Mr. Blaier made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rambo, to approve the minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

Practice Under Supervision – None

Review of Continuing Education Approval Applications

Girish Bhatt

GeoStructures, Inc. Rammed Aggregate Pier Systems, 1 CEU

Mr. Schenck stated that Mr. Bhatt did not supply an agenda for the course and that he could not confirm that the course contained geologic content. Mr. Schenck made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rambo, to table the application and request Mr. Bhatt to provide an agenda and a statement or additional information describing the geologic content of the course. The motion carried unanimously.

Aggregate Piers for Settlement Control and Bearing Capacity, 1 CEU

Mr. Schenck stated that Mr. Bhatt provided a course agenda however, the course agenda described engineering topics and the course was not consistent with geology subject matter. Mr. Schenck made a motion, seconded by Mr. Blaier, to table the application and request Mr. Bhatt to provide a statement or additional information describing the geologic content of the course. The motion carried unanimously.

8 Hour HAZWOPER Refresher Training, 8 CEU

Mr. Schenck summarized the application for the Board. Mr. Schenck stated that Girish Bhatt was requesting continuing education credits for a course titled, "8 Hour HAZWOPER Refresher Training" that was to be held at Delaware Technical and Community College, Terry Campus, on December 4, 2013. After review and discussion, Mr. Schenck made a motion, seconded by Mr. Reinhold, to approve Girish Bhatt's request for 8 CEUs as requested in the regulatory based activities category. The motion carried unanimously.

Review of Application for Reciprocity

Joseph Schmidts Jr.

Mr. Rambo stated that Mr. Schmidts was applying by reciprocity from the State of Pennsylvania and that he had previously held a geology license in the State of Delaware but neglected to renew it. Mr. Rambo made a motion, seconded by Mr. Blaier, to approve the reciprocal application of Joseph Schmidts, Jr. The motion carried unanimously.

Review of Applications for Examination

Tonya Bennett (exam approval expired, re-application)

Mr. Rambo reviewed the examination and licensure application for Tonya Bennett and stated that she had received prior approval for the ASBOG examinations but the approval had expired and she was reapplying for exam approval. Mr. Rambo made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schenck, to approve Ms. Bennett to sit for the FG and PG ASBOG examinations and to grant licensure contingent on passing both exams.

Olaf Westphalen

Mr. Rambo reviewed the examination and licensure application for Olaf Westphalen. Mr. Westphalen currently held a license in New Hampshire however; he had never taken the ASBOG examinations and was not licensed in New Hampshire prior to June 17, 1998 (Board Rule 2.2.1.4.1). Mr. Rambo made a motion, seconded by Blaier, to approve Mr. Westphalen to sit for the FG and PG ASBOG examinations and to grant licensure contingent on passing both exams.

Board Deliberation and Vote on Hearing Officer Recommendations – None

Audit Compliance – None

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD (for discussion only)

WALL CERTIFICATES

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this meeting.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for February 14, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. in Conference Room B, second floor of the Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Blaier made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schenck, to adjourn the meeting at 10:23 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Amanda McAtee – DE Board of Geologists
Administrative Specialist II